

Border Protection removing visa and ELVIS requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 23, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection Web site at <http://www.cbp.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel Web site at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

On December 24, 2003, as provided for under paragraph 242 of the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China to the World Trade Organization (Accession Agreement), the United States requested consultations with the Government of the People's Republic of China with respect to imports of Chinese origin products in Categories 222, 349/649 and 350/650. Through a letter published on December 29, 2003, the Chairman of CITA directed the Commission, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to establish a twelve-month limit on these products, beginning on December 24, 2003, and extending through December 23, 2004. 68 FR 74944, 74945, and 74947. At the same time, the Chairman of CITA directed the Commissioner to require that shipments of these products be accompanied by an export visa and Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) transmission issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China; this requirement did not apply to shipments exported prior to January 23, 2004. During consultations, the Government of the People's Republic of China objected to the requirement that shipments of these products be accompanied by an export visa and ELVIS transmission. Therefore, effective on January 23, 2004, the United States is rescinding the visa and ELVIS requirements for products in these categories; the quota limits remain in effect. CITA will revisit this issue if the situation warrants.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff

Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Information regarding the availability of the 2004 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date. Also see 62 FR 15465, published on April 1, 1997.

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 20, 2004.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the 3 directives issued to you on December 23, 2003. Those directives concern the establishment of quota and visa requirements for certain cotton and man-made fiber textiles and textile products in Categories 222, 349/649, and 350/650, produced or manufactured in China and exported during the period beginning on December 24, 2003 and extending through December 23, 2004.

Effective on January 23, 2004, you are directed to remove the visa and ELVIS requirements for textile products in Categories 222, 349/649, and 350/650. However, the quota limits remain in effect.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,
James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Removal of Export Visa and Folklore Certification Requirements for Certain Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the United Mexican States

January 21, 2004.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection removing visa and folklore certification requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 23, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and

Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

Pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement, the existing export visa and folklore certification requirements are being canceled for textile products no longer subject to restrictions or consultations levels which are exported from Mexico on and after January 1, 2004.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Information regarding the availability of the 2004 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date. Also see 58 FR 69350, published on December 30, 1993.

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 21, 2004.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 27, 1993, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directed you to prohibit entry of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Mexico for which the government of the United Mexican States has not issued an appropriate visa.

Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854) and Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and pursuant to the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between the Governments of the United States, the United Mexican States and Canada, effective on January 23, 2004, the visa and folklore certification requirements in the above referenced directive will not apply to Categories 410, 433, 443 and 611, as they are no longer subject to restrictions or consultation levels. Therefore, effective on January 23, 2004, you are directed to cancel the visa and folklore certification requirements for goods in these categories exported on and after January 1, 2004.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Department of Defense Draft Selection Criteria for Closing and Realigning Military Installations Inside the United States

AGENCY: Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment), DoD.

ACTION: Extend comment period on draft selection criteria.

SUMMARY: In the December 23, 2003, issue of the **Federal Register** (68 FR 74221), the Department of Defense published the draft selection criteria to be used by the Department in making recommendations for the closure or realignment of military installations inside the United States. This notice extends the comment period beyond the deadline previously published and clarifies that those comments must be received at the address shown below by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on January 30, 2004, to be considered in the formulation of the final criteria.

DATES: Comments should be received at the Department of Defense at the address shown below by 5 p.m. on January 30, 2004, to be considered in the formulation of the final criteria.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments to: Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations & Environment), Attn: Mr. Peter Potochney, Director, Base Realignment and Closure, Room 3D814, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3300. Please cite this **Federal Register** announcement in all correspondence. Interested parties may also forward their comments via facsimile at 703-695-1496.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike McAndrew, Base Realignment and Closure Office, ODUSD(I&E), (703) 614-5356.

Dated: January 24, 2004.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Kentucky River Lock and Dam 10 Stabilization and Renovation Project Boonesborough, KY

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Authorized by the U.S. Congress for the planning, design and construction assistance for the stabilization and renovation of Kentucky River Lock and Dam 10. Specific language for the work was published in the 106th Congress, 2nd Session, House of Representatives Conference Report (106-1005), 26 October 2000, Section 631. This section authorized the Secretary of the Army to take all necessary measures to further stabilize and renovate Lock and Dam 10 at Boonesborough, Kentucky. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will assess the potential impacts of the alternatives being considered upon the social, economic and natural resources of the project area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert C. Kanzinger at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, ATTN: CELRL-PM-PE (Kanzinger), P.O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201-0059 or email at Robert.C.Kanzinger@lrl02.uasce.army.mil. Telephone (502) 315-6873 or facsimile (502) 315-6864.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Background:* Lock and Dam 10 was built between 1902 and 1907. During its construction, in 1905, a storm event washed out the left-descending bank (west bank) at the abutment of the lock. To close the gap created by this washout, an auxiliary dam was built between the outer lock wall and the new bank. That auxiliary dam was built on a timber cribbing foundation, with the intention of replacing the facility in the near future. The timber cribbing remains at the base of the auxiliary dam today, but has been strengthened with brick and concrete toppings. The main dam has been subjected to base degradation due to the erosive force of the spill water. That damage will be repaired in the near future, as part of a separate project, with the addition of reinforcement materials at its base. The lock has not operated since July 2000, when it was closed because of leaking gates. The facility was maintained and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) until 1985, when

Kentucky River Locks and Dams 5 through 14 were leased to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In December 1996, the facility ownership was transferred to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has been managed since then by the Kentucky River Authority (KRA).

2. *Proposed Action:* The Corps, in cooperation with the local sponsor, KRA, is conducting this DEIS under guidelines set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1970. The Corps and KRA propose to stabilize and renovate Lock and Dam 10 and to raise the main and auxiliary dams, which would increase water storage capacity of the pool. Water supply has become an increasingly important issue in the growing metropolitan area that the pool water resources serve.

3. *Action Alternatives Considered:* Considered action alternatives include: Replace the existing dam with a new dam four feet higher than the existing dam in close proximity and upstream of the existing dam; and, replace the existing dam with a new dam six feet higher in close proximity and upstream of the existing dam.

4. *The No-Action Alternative:* The consequences of taking no action will also be considered.

5. *Scoping Process:* The Corps and KRA is asking, herein and elsewhere, for public input regarding pertinent issues that need to be addressed in the DEIS. The first public scoping meeting was held in November 2002 at Boonesborough State Park, and additional scoping meetings will be held in the project area for the purpose of obtaining input from public officials and citizens. A comprehensive mailing list has been assembled, including Federal, state and local agencies, offices and individuals. The list has been and will be used to notify interested parties of opportunities to provide input to the scoping process. Pertinent issues identified, thus far, include the potential for increased frequency of flooding of small agricultural fields along the river, loss of riparian habitat areas, effects to the aquatic habitat, and potential increased frequency of flooding of nearby roads and bridges. A 45-day public review period will be provided for individuals and agencies to review and comment on the DEIS. All interested parties are encouraged to respond to this notice and provide a current address should they wish to be notified of the date of scoping meetings and for receipt of the DEIS for review and comment.

6. *Availability:* The DEIS is expected to be available for public review and